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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR KISSINGER/VIGNES

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH FONMIN VIGNES. END SUMMARY.

2. A MAJOR USG OBJECTVIE, SET FORTH IN OUR LATEST CASP, RECOMMENDS THAT THE AMBASSADOR, AS COURSE OF ACTION BEST DESIGNED TO FURTHER US INTERESTS, ESTABLISH A GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT PERON. THE KISSINGER-VIGNES BILATERAL OFFERS AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER THAT OBJECTIVE. THE EMBASSY URGES THAT THE SECRETARY EXPRESS TO VIGNES HIS PLEASURE AT THE IMPROVEMENT OF US/GOA RELATIONS SINCE THEIR MEETING AT THE UNGA, AND FURTHER EXPRESS HIS HOPE THAT WITH ANEW AMBASSADOR IN PLACE HE WILL HAVE OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH VIGNES AND PERON.

3. THE SECRETARY SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO VIGNES ON THE ISSUE OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES. A MEMBER OF VIGNES' STAFF RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH EMB OFFS AND EXPRESSED "HIS" HOPE THAT MFM WOULD AT LEAST PRODUCE A SET OF PRINCIPLES TO DEAL WITH MULTINATIONALS. IN TODAY'S PRESS (FEB 19) AN AP STORY, DATELINED MEXICO CITY, QUOTES A VIGNES STAFFER AS HOPING US WILL AT LEAST ACCEPT PRINCIPLE THAT IT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR BEHAVIOR OF MULTI-
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NATIONS. IF VIGNES SHOULD RAISE ISSUE BILATERALLY AND ASSUMING

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US NOT PREPARED TO GO AS FAR AS GOA WANTS, SECRETARY MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT US COMPANIES IN OUR VIEW MEET THE CRITERION OF GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO ARGENTINE DEVELOPMENT AS SET FORTH BY PRESIDENT PERON.

4. DURING THIS PAST WEEK HEAVY FLOODING IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA HAS CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HOUSING, CROPS, ETC. THREE PROVINCES HAVE BEEN DECLARED EMERGENCY AREAS. THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES AND INQUIRE AS TO ANY WAY IN WHICH US COULD BE HELPFUL. WHILE WE DO NOT EXPECT GOA TO ASK FOR HELP, GESTURE WOULD BE VERY WELL RECEIVED.
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